In case of RCF, ANP plant is being revamped. The technology is being changed from Prilling to Granulation. The plant is scheduled to resume production from third quarter of 2009. Also, Urea plant shall be started after the availability of RIL KG Basin gas. As per present indications this will be tentatively available from April 2009. SPIC/DIL are expected to resume the production after the availability of working capital . The respective private units are expected to take their own commercial decision for resumption of production.

New fertilizer plant at Namrup

28. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government declared for setting up of a new grassroot level fertilizer plant at Namrup in addition to the existing plants of BVFCL Namrup, in the year 2006;

(b) if so, what is the present status of the project;

(c) whether any budgetary support is sanctioned to the said project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) For optimal utilization of capacity of Brahamaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) plant at Namrup, the Government is exploring various options including possibility of setting up Fourth Plant in Namrup Fertilizer Complex of BVFCL based on modern technology. Decision in the matter is yet to be finalized.

Future of Fertilizer Units

29. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the total Government subsidy provided on raw materials imported in the manufacture of fertilizers in the last three years; year-wise and product-wise;

(b) the annual Government subsidy given to fertilizer units in the Last three years, State-wise and year-wise, with particular reference to West Bengal;

(c) whether more than Rs.6000 crores dues have to be paid to various fertilizer units in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof with a particular reference to West Bengal and by when these dues would be cleared by Government;

(e) whether any assessment has been made about the future of fertilizer units; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) and (b) The fertilizer subsidy is paid as difference between the normative delivered cost of subsidized fertilizers at farm gate level and the notified selling prices of these fertilizers to the manufacturers/ importers on sales of these fertilizers in various districts of the country. The fertilizer